assistance provided to the afore-said sports institutions during the last three years are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 205 Annexure No. 7]

Details of financial assistances provided under various schemes, *i.e.* Creation of Sports Infrastructure, Promotion of Sports & Games in Schools, All India Rural Sports Tournaments and for conducting National Sports Festival for Women during the last three years, are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 205 Annexure No. 7]

(c) Under the Sports Infrastructure Schemes, except for purchase of sports equipments, the first instalment was released by the Government of India after the grantee had spent atleast 50% of their share towards the cost of the project and had furnished the progress report, audited accounts etc. Again, with a view to ensuring proper utilization of funds by the States as well as NSFs and NGOs, utilization certificates, audited accounts etc. are invariably obtained in respect of the grant already released, before release of further grant for the same purpose.

Venue appraisal for Commonwealth Games

2038. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken so far towards their preparation for holding the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi;

(b) whether a team of experts engaged by the Commonwealth Games Federation for venue appraisal, other issues concerning the games, facilities etc., required to be provided to athletes, has submitted its report to Government;

(c) if so, the main recommendations made by the John Baker Experts Committee; and

(d) the action taken till date thereon, and the number of recommendations still pending and are under consideration of Government, alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The arrangements for holding the Commonwealth Games 2010 at Delhi are underway. A review of existing

infrastructure in the city of Delhi in context of Commonwealth Games 2010 has been undertaken. The existing infrastructure with Sports Authority of India (SAI), Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) with required upgradation and renovation would be used for most of the disciplines covered under the Commonwealth Games.

A Task Force for upgradation/renovation of SAI's infrastructure has been set up and the consultancy on SAI's existing infrastructure has been assigned to CPWD. Condition Survey of SAI's existing five Stadia at Delhi has been undertaken.

Regarding construction of Commonwealth Games Village a site off the Nizamuddin Bridge has been identified. Delhi Development Authority has also commenced the action to prepare preliminary designs in respect of new venues & Games Village proposed to be constructed by it. In addition DDA has engaged M/s. Event Knowledge Service for Venue Reappraisal Study who have submitted a draft report.

A Core Committee has been set up by Government of NCT of Delhi under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, Delhi to prepare a master plan for improvement/upgradation of civic amenities in Delhi for Commonwealth Games, 2010. The Government of NCT of Delhi is in the process of finalizing plans for upgradation of roads, health care, civic amenities, traffic management as well as parking for the Commonwealth Games.

(b) No team of experts has been engaged by Commonwealth Games Federation for Venue appraisal. However, Delhi, Development Authority (DDA) has engaged M/s. Event Knowledge Service (EKS) for Venue-Reappraisal and the study team of EKS has submitted draft report.

(c) The draft report has been prepared by EKS study team which comprised of Mr. Craig Mc Latchey, CEO, EKS and Mr. John Baker. As such there is no John Baker Experts Committee. The draft report has suggested various options for clusterisation of sports venues and raised issues in respect of location of Games Village.

(d) The draft report is being discussed with various stakeholders and a suitable decision will be taken on receipt of final report on the subject by EKS.